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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 5/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-9,11 and 13-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows: Claims amended as follows

-Claim 1 [Currently Amended] A cap-shaped lid for use with a generally flat base to seal an electronic device comprising a top portion, a wall structure extending around an entire periphery of the top portion and having an upper end connected to the top portion and a lower end, a lip connected to the lower end of the wall structure around the entire periphery of the wall structure and extending outwards from an outer surface of the wall structure by 10-500 μm , and a hot dipped solder layer formed on an entire inner surface of the lid.

-Claim 7 [Currently Amended] A method of manufacturing a cap-shaped lid as claimed in claim 1 comprising performing drawing of a metal sheet having a hot dipped solder layer formed on an entire first side of the metal sheet to form a recessed shape including the top portion, the wall structure, and a flange extending outward from the wall structure with the first side of the metal strip on the interior of the recessed shape, and then severing the flange around ~~and~~ an entire periphery of the recessed shape at a distance of 10-500 μm from the outer side surface of the wall structure to define the lip.

-Claim 9 [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 7 including severing the flange in ~~appoition~~ a portion of the flange which is curved with respect to the wall structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6, 11 and 13-15 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claims 7-9 are directed to the process of making allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Because a claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 has been rejoined, **the restriction requirement between groups I and II as set forth in the Office action mailed on 06/13/05 is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claims including all the limitations of an allowable product claim or rejoined process claim are presented in a continuation or divisional application, such claims may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regards to independent claims 1 and 7 there is simply no evidence in the prior art teaching a cap shaped lid with a lip connected to the lower end of the wall structure around an entire periphery of the wall structure and extending outwards from an outer surface of the wall

structure by 10-500 μm , and a hot dipped solder layer formed on an entire inner surface of the lid as in the claimed combination, furthermore there is no evidence rendering this limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ivan H. Carpio whose telephone number is 571-272-8396. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 6:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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